AN INSTANCE OF THE REPENTANCE OF A LATE PASSIVE OBEDIENCE PERSON,

Who was lately a Justice of Peace in the County of *Hereford*.

I *Hugh Pugh* of *Darfen*, in the County of *Hereford*, Clerk, being sensible of my base and uncharitable Actings towards S—— L——, of *Eardisley* in the said County of *Hereford*, Esq; one of Their Majesties Justices of the Peace for the said County; and being disturbed in my Soul for the Forgery I caused to be made of High Treason against the said S—— L——; and likewise for those Actions of Defamation I sent to the Lord Commissioner *Keck*, and other Nobles; that is to say, unto the Duke of *Ormond*, and the Earl of *Monmouth*:

Do acknowledge, That I was guilty of, and advised and directed to the Earl of *Monmouth*, in these words following, *viz. These for the Right Honourable the Earl of* Monmouth, *to be communicated to the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties, with all possible speed, for the Discovery of High Treason against Them*: ——L——: and that I did no inducement, but the

'*Hereford* ff. '*John Scudamore* of *Kenchurch* in the said County, Esq; one of Their Majesties Justices of the Peace for the said County, and *Thomas Delahay* of *Hayury* in the said County, Esq; one of Their Majesties Justices of the Peace for the said County, make Oath, That '*S*—— *L*——, Esq; one of Their Majesties Justices of the Peace for 'the said County, did on *Monday* last, being the twenty-ninth day of this 'instant *July*, *Anno*q; *Dom.* 1689. in the evening, in their hearing, say, '*That he the said* S—— L—— *abhorred King* William *and Queen* 'Mary *with a perfect hatred, and heartily wished their utter Destruction, and* 'that *he might be so happy as to be instrumental therein; and that he had made* 'a very great preparation in order thereunto, *and did not doubt of perfect* 'success *in the same*.

And these Deponents further make Oath, That they really believe the Contents hereof to be very true, and that they vehemently suspect the Murther of their Persons, and Burning of their Houses, if they be known

to

to detect the premised Defigns, before the said *S*—— *L*—— be Perſonally ſecured.

Jurat tricesſimo die Julii Anno Regni Gulielmi & Mariæ Regis & Reginæ, Angliæ &c. primo Annoq; Dom. 1689. *Coram me*, Ja. Woodhouſe.

J. Scudamore,
Tho. Delahay.

'All which was of my Malicious Contrivance, and that I cauſed to 'be forged the Hands of *John Scudamore*, Eſq; and *Tho. Delahay*, Eſq; 'two of Their Majeſties Juſtices for the ſaid County; and likwiſe, the 'Hand of *James Woodhouſe*, Eſq; before whom the ſaid forged Affidavit 'is ſuppoſed to be taken. And I do heartily repent me of the ſame, and 'humbly beg Pardon of Almighty God, and the ſaid *S*—— *L*——, 'for attempting to take away his Life, and good Fame, by ſuch my Vil'lanous Forgery; and likewiſe, I humbly beg Pardon of the ſaid *John Scu'damore*, *Th. Delahay*, and *Ja. Woodhouſe*, for preſuming to forge their Hands, 'to Countenance ſuch a diſhoneſt Attempt. And I confeſs my ſelf guil'ty of Writing, Indicting, and Sending that Letter to the Lord Com'miſſioner *Keck* in theſe Words, viz. *To the Right Honourable my Lord Commiſſioner Kock, of the High Court of Chancery, at his Houſe in* Chancery-Lane, London. 'Honourable Sir, Mr. *S*—— *L*——, a Juſtice 'of Peace for *Herefordſhire*, is a great Countenancer of Rogues, to buſy 'inſolent, and abuſive to Perſons of Quality, a great Scandal to the Com'miſſion, and Diſhonour to God, and Their Majeſties; much alienating 'the Hearts of true Proteſtants and Loyal Subjects. And the Conſequence 'may prove dreadful, if he be not ſpeedily Superceded; and that your 'Honour may ſo do, is the humble Petition of your Honour's moſt hum'ble Servant,

H. Pugbe.

'All which ſaid Offences, I humbly beg Pardon for, and do Confeſs 'and Acknowlege, that I had no Reaſon or Pretence ſo to do; but on the 'contrary, I am very well aſſured, That the ſaid *S*—— *L*—— never 'deſerved any ſuch Character from me, or any other Perſon whatſoever; 'And that I had no Inducement, but the Inſtigation of the Devil, to 'cauſe me to Defame the ſaid *S*—— *L*——; and I humbly make this 'Submiſſion and Recantation, and do atteſt all the Contents hereof to 'be unfeigned and true; and out of the Sence of my Errors humbly in'treat the ſaid *S*—— *L*—— to accept hereof. In witneſs whereof, I put my hand and Seal hereunto, the 21ſt of *January*, *Annoq; Dom.* 16[illegible].

Signed, Sealed, Confeſſed, and Subſcribed in the preſence of

H. Pugbe,
J. Scudamore,
Robert Minors,
John Hereford,
Tho. Morgan.

I do atteſt this to be a true Copy of Mr. *Pugbe*'s Submiſſion, and ſhall be ready to prove the ſame when required. Witneſs my Hand, this 13th day of *February*, 16[illegible].

S—— *L*——.

LONDON: Printed in the Year 1690.

89594